

EXHIBIT

A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

**ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE
COMPANY,**

Plaintiff,

VS.

**H&K INTERNATIONAL, INC. f/k/a
H&K DALLAS, INC., BRS INSURANCE
COMPANY, AND MCDONALD'S
CORPORATION,**

Defendants.

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No. 1:22-cv-4053

**JUSTIN K. RATLEY'S DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT
H&K INTERNATIONAL, INC. F/K/A H&K DALLAS, INC.'S
MOTION TO DISMISS AND FOR ABSTENTION**

3. This Declaration is made in good faith and in support of Defendant H&K International, Inc. f/k/a H&K Dallas, Inc.'s *Motion to Dismiss and for Abstention* pursuant to FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 12(b)(1), 12(b)(2), and 12(b)(6) ("Defendant's Motion").

4. Attached to Defendant's Motion as Exhibit A-1 is a true and correct copy of H&K International, Inc.'s Original Petition in Cause No. DC-22-09632; styled as *HKI International, Inc. v. F&M Installations Corp., H&S Installations, Corp., Selective Insurance Company of America, ACE American Insurance Company, and KGK Management, Inc.*, in the 14th Judicial District of Dallas County, Texas.

5. Attached to Defendant's Motion as Exhibit A-2 is a true and correct copy of Chubb North America's Claim Director's, Dominic Vari, November 2, 2021 correspondence to me.

6. Attached to Defendant's Motion as Exhibit A-3 is a true and correct copy of my June 8, 2021 correspondence to Dominic Vari, Chubb North America's Claim Director.

7. Attached to Defendant's Motion as Exhibit A-4 is a true and correct copy of Chubb North America's August 4, 2022 correspondence to me, on behalf of HKI.

8. Attached to Defendant's Motion as Exhibit A-5 is a true and correct copy of HKI's Amendment to Registration of Entity Information.

9. Attached to Defendant's Motion as Exhibit A-6 is a true and correct copy of HKI's Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report."

I, Justin K. Ratley, declare under penalty of perjury and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 24, 2022.


Justin K. Ratley